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CONTACT



Parish of Hythe



Philippians 4:6-7:

" Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."



The Parish of Hythe

SUNDAYS AT ST JOHN'S

**YOUR CHURCH,
YOU'RE WELCOME**

9:30am

BUBBLE CHURCH

10:15am

Morning Worship

11:15am

Holy
Communion

5:30pm

2nd Sunday of the month

Evensong

(British Summer Time only)



Some of our services are live-streamed to Zoom;
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and we will send you the link! office@stjohnshythe.org

EDITORIAL

Welcome to your January edition of The Parish of Hythe, 'CONTACT' magazine.

Do you have a question, query, quandary that you would like help with? Spiritual, practical or otherwise? Why not email contact@stjohnshythe.org by the 15th of the month, and we'll see if we can come up with an answer to your Q!!

Reverend See

GIVING



Giving is part of our worship of God, and a way of showing commitment to His ministry in the Parish. If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish, please use the QR code on this page to find out how, or visit parishgiving.org.uk to set up regular giving.

In Church, we also have a card machine which is easy to use and saves us handling cash. Please contact the Parish Office for further information or if you require help with this.'

VICARS LETTER

We are three sleeps from Christmas Day as I write this article! We've had the tree festival. We've had the Christingle services.. We've had the schools and other partner organisations in and out of Church for services and concerts. And the final countdown is upon us!

I know some people love to take their Christmas stuff down as soon as Christmas Day is over. But for us christians: the Christmas season is only just beginning! So, even if you have packed Christmas away for another year, determined to make a fresh start: don't forget to keep on journeying with, and celebrating Jesus, who came to be with us, not just at Christmas, but in all areas of our life.

Happy New Year! As we change from one year to the next, its good to pause and take stock. Why not use the questions of the examen to help you review? What has been good about 2025? Pause, think, thank God for all of it! Whats been challenging about 2025? Pause, think, thank God for his presence through the challenge. Then think about 2026. What are you excited about? What are you anxious about?

A new year always brings with it a sense of expectation: sometimes expecting good things, sometimes expecting more challenge. I'm sure 2026 will have good and bad times. I'm sure that there will be personal and congregational challenges to come as we navigate life together as a church family, and learn to adjust to any changes that may come.

As the verse on the front cover says, and I summarise: rather than being anxious about things, submit the things you're anxious about, to God.

May Gods peace rest upon you in 2026.

Reverend Lee Davies, Vicar

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

I want to thank everyone who donated angels before Christmas. I am overwhelmed by your generosity and community spirit. I am thrilled to be able to tell you that this year we have distributed 1700 angels as gifts from St John's. This number is truly incredible and to those of you, whose names I don't know, and who therefore haven't heard from me to say it. Thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Sue Blomley (the angel lady).

CHRISTINGLE

Thank you to everyone who made this years Christingle a huge success! Remember, God loves you all!





Little Footprints

Inside & Out



Are you expecting? Just welcomed a new baby to your family?
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Week by week basis, No booking needed.**

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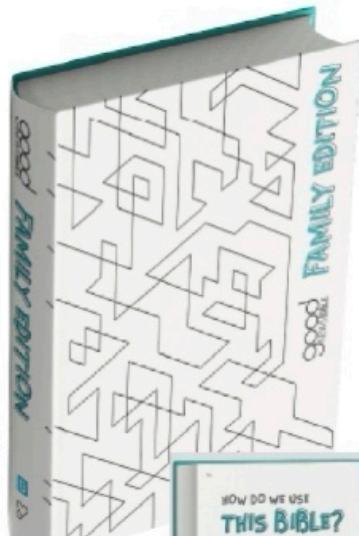
MOTHERS UNION

We hosted the Mothers' Union Deanery Carol Service in December when members came from Brockenhurst and Milford branches, and several members of St John's congregation also joined us. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make a joyful morning.

2026 begins with our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 8th January at 2:30pm at St John's Hall. Please be ready to pay subscriptions, and bring any suggestions for speakers or subjects for our 2026 meetings. All are very welcome. The sales table will be white.

Sue Harvey & June Smith

APPEAL: BIBLES FOR BUBBLE CHURCH FAMILIES



£30.00



Would you be able to sponsor a new family in St John's & St Anne's to help them continue their faith journey?



£5.00

We are thrilled to have baptised children from two Bubble Church families, this year and have more children and adults coming forward for Baptism & Confirmation who are part of our fellowship.

Good News Family Bible - We have presented bibles to these families and will be offering them a chance to join together and explore them as a family with other families.

Bubble Church Truth Cards - a new resource to equip parents and children to keep growing in their faith at home, especially where they might be beginning a journey of faith together.

The idea is simple: a pack of cards in a drawstring bag that contain simple truths from God's amazing true story, the Bible, along with Bible verses that go with each of them. The truths will be familiar to Bubble Church families, as most are taken from the liturgy and songs.

If you are interested in sponsoring a family with either of these gifts please talk to Chris McMahon, Children's & Families Pastor, who can explain more how it all works.

Tel:02380844336 Email: families@stjohnshythe.org

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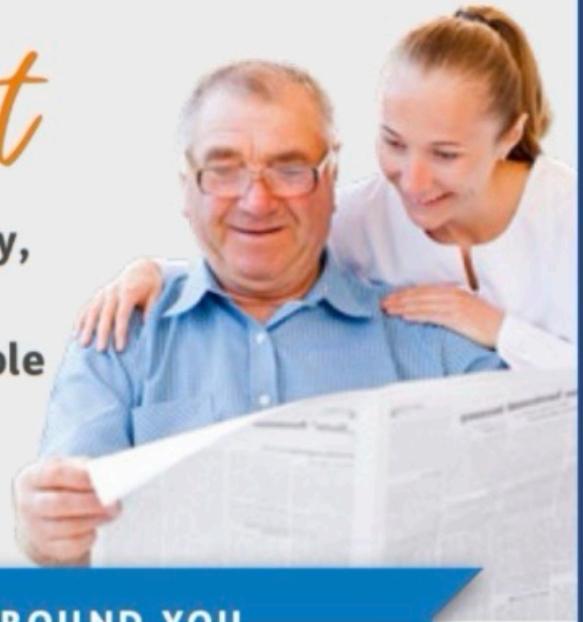
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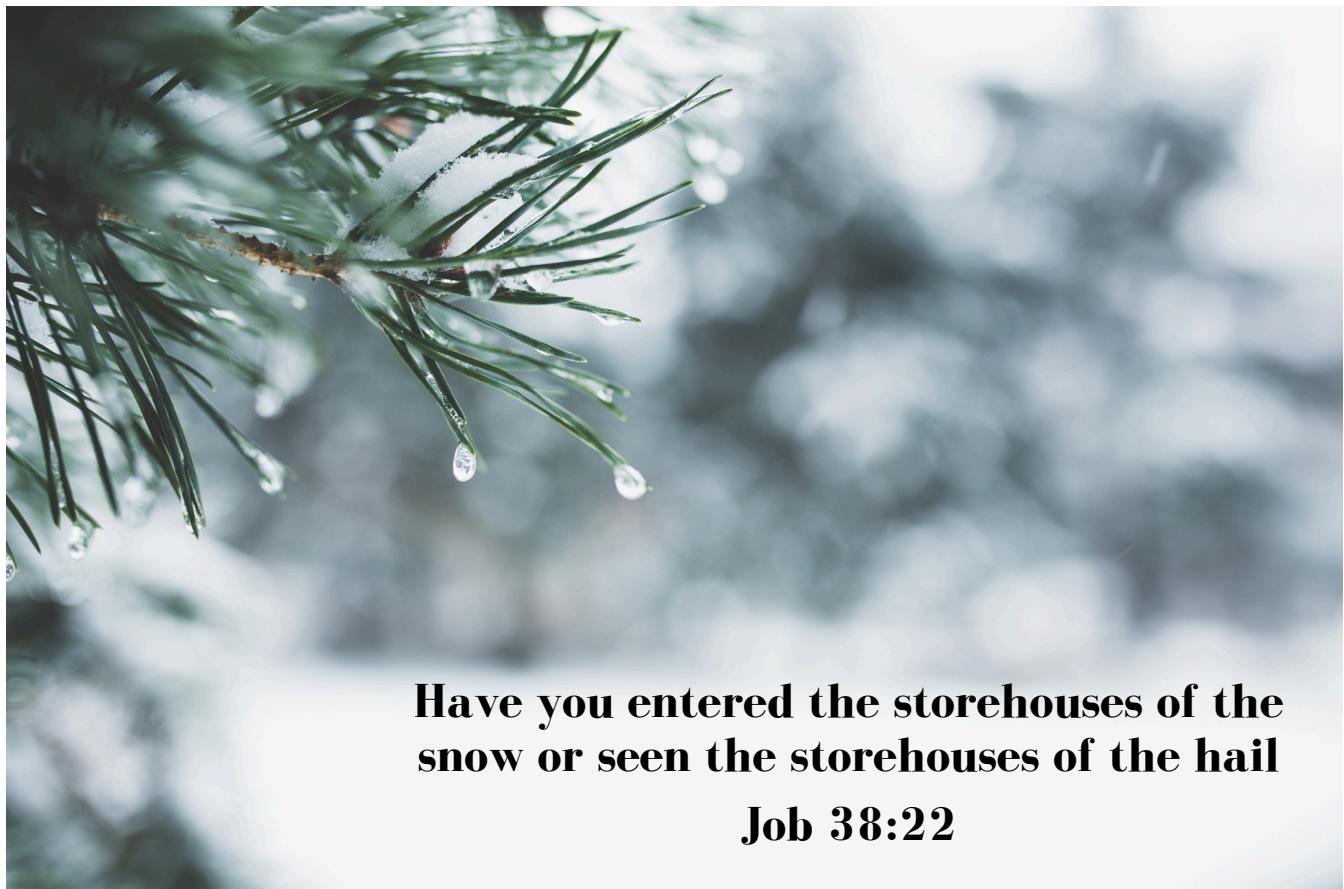


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JANUARY 2026

Notices and Diary Dates



**Have you entered the storehouses of the
snow or seen the storehouses of the hail**

Job 38:22

Welcome to our January notices and diary dates.

If you have a notice to be included in future months, please email office@stjohnshythe.org

In order to help us save on our printing costs, if you don't already receive this by email and would like to, please email office@stjohnshythe.org

Sundays in January

Sunday 4th January

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's
5:30pm Epiphany Carol Service at St John's

Sunday 11th January

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Sunday 18th January

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Sunday 25th January

9:30am Bubble Church at St John's
10:15am Morning Worship at St John's
11:15am Holy Communion at St John's

Midweek Services

Every Wednesday at 10:30am - Holy Communion
at St John's

Friday 30th January at 3:30pm - Messy Church at
St John's

Weekly Activities

Mondays

1:00pm Little Footprints Baby Group at St Anne's

Tuesdays

9:30am Coffee Shop in St John's Hall (13th and 27th January)

10:00am Coffee Morning at St John's

Wednesdays

12:00pm Lunch Club in St John's Hall

Thursdays

1:00pm Toddlie-Winks Toddler Group at St Anne's (term-time only)

Fridays

6:00pm Youth Club in St John's Hall (term-time only)

Saturdays

10:00am Coffee Morning at St John's

Other Events in January

Thursday 8th January

2:30pm Mothers' Union AGM in St John's Hall

God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



NOTICES

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to go onto the sidespeople, tea and coffee, and tech rotas on a Sunday. Please speak to Hannah if you feel able to help with any of these.

Epiphany Carol Service

Our Epiphany Carol Service will be at 5:30pm on Sunday 4th January. All are very welcome to join us for this service.

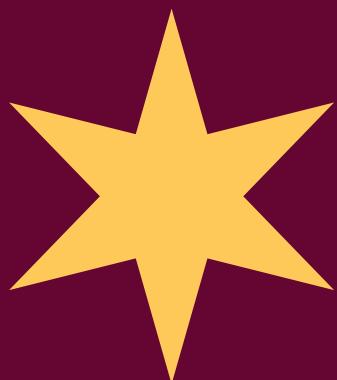
LUNCH CLUB

Lunch club, which meets on Wednesdays (term-time only) in St John's hall, had an enjoyable time, with an enjoyable Christmas Dinner, and some Carols from Hythe Primary School Choir.

Why not come and join us in the New Year for a very good value lunch and good company? Speak to Hannah for further information!



EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE



SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY

5:30pm
St John's Church, Hythe



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OF ENGLAND

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BUBBLE CHURCH

Every Sunday

9:30am

St John's Church

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St Anne's Church, Butts Ash**

3.30pm till 5.00pm



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